

STATE HERPETO SOCIETY TEST VOTE SUCCESSFUL

Across the state of Virginia are some thirty professional and amateur herpetologists who have agreed to form THE HERPETOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF VIRGINIA. Its objectives are: (1) Scientific study of the state's herpetofauna; (2) Qualitative improvement of the reporting of occurrences of species; (3) County surveys and exchange of verified data on reptiles and amphibians; (4) Broader public understanding and recognition in the interest of good conservation practices; (5) Accurate newspaper reporting of unusual finds; and, (6) Collections (where desired) for scientific and educational use. The founders include many of the well-known names in this field in our state.

Members may discover prospective members among the following: College and highschool biology department and science faculty, staff and students; zoologists, physicians, and veterinarians; Conservationists, park and summer camp naturalists, forest rangers game specialists and agriculturists; members of science, 4-H, hiking, fishing and hunting clubs and the Izaak Walton League; outdoor sports, hunting and fishing news columnists and reporters; members of safety, first aid and rescue teams. Above all, do not neglect the young amateur -- the scientist of the near-future.

1958 COLLECTING SEASON FAST APPROACHING

SPECIMEN DEPOSITORIES: Whenever possible your records should be backed by specimens preserved in permanent scientific collections. In addition to the locality (county, distance and direction from the nearest town) the date it was found and the name of the collector should accompany each specimen. Donate your specimens to a museum or college with adequate facilities for the maintenance of a permanent herpetological collection. At the College of William and Mary, for example, investigations are under way on the reptiles and amphibians of Virginia. Specimens are sought from thru-out the state (address inquiries and specimens to: W. Leslie Burger, Biology Dep't, W&M, Williamsburg, Va.) The U.S. National Museum (Washington 25, D.C.) has an extensive collection of preserved reptiles and amphibians -- donations intended for it should be sent to Dr. Doris M. Cochran. Live specimens should be sent by Railway Express in crates. Preserved specimens by railway express or mail, carefully packaged to preclude crushing en route. Information on preservation and study of reptiles & amphibians can be obtained from the above two sources and from many other colleges & museums. LET US KNOW IF YOUR LOCAL COLLEGE IS ADDING TO ITS HERPETOLOGICAL COLLECTIONS. A complete list of depositories within Virginia should be on record and made known to the membership. WRITE FOR ADDITIONAL COPIES OF THIS BULLETIN FOR FRIENDS.

(Information & inquiries to:) Franklin Tobey, acting secretary

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Membership in THE HERPETOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF VIRGINIA is welcomed by:

- (name)
- (address)
- (title, or
- occupation)

Type of membership: Faculty, staff, student; press & radio; dues: \$ 1.00. per year. All other gainfully employed persons (other than above) annual dues: \$ 2.00 each. If you send check note "for dues" and make it payable to Franklin Tobey, Jr.

YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD WILL BE YOUR RECEIPT.

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